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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 7, 2001

APPLICATION OF

RAPPAHANNOCK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

CASE NO. PUE010007

For approval of a functional  
separation plan

ORDER PERMITTING RESPONSES TO REQUEST

On August 3, 2001, AES NewEnergy, Inc. ("AES NewEnergy"), filed comments with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") addressing the functional separation plan filed by Rappahannock Electric Cooperative ("Rappahannock") on December 29, 2000, and the Staff Report filed on July 20, 2001.

In its comments, AES NewEnergy requests that the Commission provide additional time for discovery, and thereafter an opportunity for further comments and reply comments. AES NewEnergy states that the awarding of additional time for discovery may alleviate the need for a hearing in this matter.<sup>1</sup>

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of AES NewEnergy's comments and request for additional time, is of the opinion that the Staff and Rappahannock should have an opportunity to respond to the request.

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<sup>1</sup> AES NewEnergy filed a request for hearing in this case on June 4, 2001.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before August 14, 2001, Rappahannock and the Staff may file a response to AES NewEnergy's request for additional time to conduct discovery, and for further comments and reply comments.

(2) On or before August 20, 2001, AES NewEnergy may reply to any responses filed.

(3) This matter is continued generally for further orders of the Commission.